

REMARKS

The above changes to the claim has been made, and new claims have been added, to delete the multiple-dependency of the claim.

No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claim by the current preliminary amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

8. (Amended) An optical module including [that provides] the substrate according to claim 1 [claims 1 and the optical fiber connecting end member according to the claim 6 and/or the optical element housing member according to claim 7] and an optical fiber connecting end member having formed therein a hole for accommodating and fixing one end of said substrate and optically connecting the substrate to the optical fiber, wherein steps for positioning said substrate are formed on the substrate in said hole.

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